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Reminder!

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, February 27 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: White Oak Life Sciences Gateway

Guest: Peter Fosselman, OCE re (x7-8416)

Topic: Parks Dept. Initiatives

Guest: Alex Girr-Borrayo, Parks Dept.

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

A Reminder from Montgomery County Fire Officials! . . .

County Fire & Rescue continue to respond to house fires caused by the **inappropriate disposal of coals and ashes**. Go to mcfrs.org/mcsafe for safety tips and guidelines.

Remember, **when it's time to dispose of the ashes, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down**. Only use an approved metal ash bucket that has a tight fitting metal lid to safely store cooled ashes. **NEVER** dispose of ashes in a paper or plastic bag, cardboard box, plastic container or bucket because it can easily ignite, and **DO NOT** place any other combustibles in the metal container. Store the container **OUTSIDE**, away from your house and other structures including garages, decks, porches, fences, wood piles or other combustible materials.



Smaller galvanized steel cans (6 gal) for disposing ashes can be found at your local home improvements store.

Please share this information with your neighbors!

**Public Invited to Attend Special Pedestrian, Bicycle, & Traffic Safety
Advisory Committee Meeting Regarding Vision Zero**

**Thursday, March 2 7:00pm-9:00pm
Executive Office Building
(First Floor Lobby Auditorium)
101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

The Pedestrian Bicycle and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (PBTSAC) will hold a special meeting to discuss the development of a Two-Year Vision Zero Action Plan and other actions to implement Vision Zero in Montgomery County.

Vision Zero is an initiative being adopted in many U.S. communities and abroad to devise and implement a plan to prevent traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries among vehicle occupants, bicyclists and pedestrians. The ultimate goal is to reduce traffic-related deaths and serious injuries to zero. The Montgomery County Vision Zero Action Plan will expand upon the Maryland Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

County Executive Leggett's office is preparing the draft of the Vision Zero Action Plan. At the March 2 special meeting, the PBTSAC and members of six working groups will come together for the first time as a committee to review and discuss their comments related to the draft. Based on the PBSTAC review, the Vision Zero Team will address the committee's comments for potential edits to the plan. That updated preliminary Two-Year Vision Zero Action Plan will then be shared with the broader public.

Members of the public and community organizations are invited to listen and observe at the March 2 special PBTSAC meeting; and will be invited to offer their comments and suggestions regarding the revised Montgomery County Vision Zero Action Plan at a subsequent public meeting, as well as online. After final revisions, the Two-Year Vision Zero Action Plan will be submitted to the Montgomery County Council for approval.

For more information about the PBTSAC contact Darrel Droblich, Vision Zero subcommittee co-chair, at drdrobnich@gmail.com

For more information about the meeting, contact Will Haynes at whaynes@rkk.com or 202-345-1928.

Montgomery County Public Libraries presents a "Contemporary Conversations" Series

**Saturday, March 4 7:00pm
Gaithersburg Library
18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg**

[Register Here !](#) Seats are limited.



Don't miss the first program in Montgomery County Public Libraries' (MCPL's) "Contemporary Conversations" series with award-winning talk show host, Kojo Nnamdi. Contemporary Conversations is a series of talks about cultural and current issues with journalists, authors and other relevant speakers.

Kojo Nnamdi, one of the most well-known interviewers and talk show hosts in the Washington, D.C. area will be the first speaker in the new Contemporary Conversations series @ MCPL. Host of [the NPR program that bears his name](#) and of the TV talk show "Evening Exchange," Mr. Nnamdi is celebrated for his knowledge on a wide range of social, political and cultural issues relevant to the nation's capital and to the world outside Washington. With a reputation for his versatility and exhaustive preparation, Mr. Nnamdi has received several awards, including Washingtonian of the Year and one of the One-Hundred Fifty most influential people in the metropolitan area by *Washingtonian Magazine*.

Sponsored by MCPL and [Friends of the Library, Montgomery County](#).

Questions? Contact: Adrienne Van Lare at 240-777-0035

Call for Exhibitors and Vendors!

The 3rd Annual Montgomery County GreenFest is Scheduled for May 6th at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg!

Visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18804 for details.

Applicants Sought for Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (GSGTMDAC). The GSGTMDAC advises the County government on all aspects of programs, management and finances relating to the implementation of transportation demand management in the GSGTMD and vicinity. [Read more](#) and [apply online](#).

The deadline to apply is February 27!

Ride On to Hold Three Public Forums Regarding Proposed Service Changes on Six Routes

- Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7 p.m. (Connecticut Avenue Estates Community)
Highland Elementary School (All-Purpose Room - Cafeteria), 3100 Medway Street, Silver Spring
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (Cabin Branch/Clarksburg Communities)
Clarksburg at Rocky Hill Middle School, 22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg
- Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (Poplar Run Community)
Poplar Run Community Center/Clubhouse, 13500 Stargazer Lane (off Poplar Run Drive), Silver Spring

Changes to the routes listed below are being proposed:

- **Route 31:** Proposal to divert current route to serve the Poplar Run community and terminate at Glenmont station
- **Route 33:** Proposal to divert current route to serve the Connecticut Avenue Estates community, with direct connection to local schools and Glenmont Station
- **Route 58:** Proposal to divert current route to serve the new Multi-Agency Service Park during morning and evening peak periods
- **Route 73:** (new service) Proposal to serve new Cabin Branch communities near the Clarksburg Premium Outlets and the community along W. Old Baltimore Road. Gateway Center Business Park will also be served by Ride On Route 73 (currently served by Route 75)
- **Route 75:** Proposal to divert current route to serve Snowden Farm Parkway and Little Seneca Parkway with weekday trips to and from Clarksburg High School, avoiding duplication of service while connecting the most developed area of Clarksburg to Germantown and Clarksburg Premium Outlets
- **Route 79:** Proposal to shift the routing to Snowden Farm Parkway, New Cut Road, and Little Seneca Parkway to better serve the densest areas of Clarksburg

More information about proposed route changes is available [here](#). For more details, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18796

(Highlighted text is of particular interest to Upcounty residents and businesses.)

Montgomery Councilmember Rice, MCPS Superintendent Smith, College President Pollard to host second of five forums on education priorities

**Wednesday, March 8
Montgomery Blair High School (Cafeteria)
51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring**

All of the forums will be held from 6:30pm-8:30pm

The forums provide information, and seek input on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. This is the third year County education leaders are conducting a Countywide tour to address the school budget process. The forums will address how budget priorities are established by the Board of Education, the County Executive and the County Council—all of whom work toward crafting the MCPS and Montgomery College annual operating budgets. At the forums, subjects will include what the school system and college are doing to prepare for Fiscal Year 2018. The forums also talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt the FY18 budget. In May, **the County Council will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.**

To get the full schedule of forum dates, visit

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18811

The first forum was held at Northwest High School on February 15. A video summary of that forum can be viewed at https://youtu.be/2NTwtBl8k_k.



**Saturday, March 25 11:00am-2:00pm
Ovid Hazen Wells Park
12001 Skylark Road, Clarksburg**

Announcing the Ninth Annual "Kites Over Clarksburg" day sponsored by The Clarksburg Foundation Inc. in conjunction with the Department of Parks (M-NCPPC). This kite festival will be held on Saturday, March 25th, 2017 from 11 AM until 2 PM at Ovid Hazen Wells Park on Skylark Road, Clarksburg. This event is free of charge. There will be craft activities for non-kite-flying children, games, activities, and a raffle. Participants will receive one raffle ticket for each canned good, eyeglasses or hearing aid that they donate. Donations of canned goods will benefit local Food Banks and donation of unused eyeglasses will be collected for the benefit of the Clarksburg Lions Club. Companies and organizations serving Clarksburg will be participating as exhibitors throughout the day together with Montgomery County agencies.

Children can make kites from recycled materials. There is no registration fee for participants, but contributions to the food drive are encouraged. Supplies are limited and on a first come basis.

Sponsors and Exhibitors are sought for this event. Donations will go toward printing of programs, purchase of supplies and advertising the event. Service organizations are welcome. All Sponsors will be acknowledged in the program, and throughout the event, so early registration is requested. Registrations and entries must be received by March 17th.

Exhibitors to set up by 9:30 AM on the day of the event, by the pavilions located at the upper end of the ball fields. All exhibitors are responsible for providing their own tables/chairs/tents and any required Montgomery County permits. There is no electricity or water connection available on site. (Sponsors are welcome to come and hand out literature, coupons and meet and greet the public – with registration. If you want to do something extra you will need to acquire the appropriate permits from Montgomery County and permission from the Clarksburg kites committee.)

If you have questions, email Kathie Hulley at clarksburgkites@gmail.com.

Counting Down to Income Tax Filing Deadline!

MC311Links County Residents to Free Tax Help

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18791



Learn More About Transportation Options for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities

A handy transportation resources fact sheet provides information on options available for older adults and those with disabilities: [View fact sheet](#).



MCDOT Installs Two New Bikeshare Stations in Takoma Park

Did you know that Montgomery County's Bikeshare stations now total 61?

Bikeshare stations are also located in Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Silver Spring, Rockville, Shady Grove and the Life Sciences Center area. Montgomery County's Bikeshare program is part of the regional Capital Bikeshare network, linking the County with the District of Columbia, Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County. View the locations of Bikeshare stations and learn more about [Bikeshare](#) online.

MCDOT's Commuter Services section operates the MC Liberty program that also provides free Bikeshare memberships, helmets and training to qualified low-income residents. To learn more, contact Commuter Services at (240) 777-8380 or mcdot.CommuterServices@montgomerycountymd.gov, or [register online](#).

[Read more](#).

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Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>